

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
TO AMEMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1545

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 2259

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, CF  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED COUP ATTEMPT

REF: BRAZZAVILLE 1184

1. I CAN PERSONALLY CONFIRM THAT FONMIN OBENGA DID IN FACT  
ARRIVE HERE MORNING AUG 16 EN ROUTE TO NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES  
AT OYEM, SINCE I MET HIM BY CHANCE AT AIRPORT. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED  
BY ANOTHER MINISTER AND BY SOMEONE INTRODUCED TO ME AS HEAD OF  
SUPREME COURT.

2. OBENGA'S PROMPT ARRIVAL HERE WAS NO DOUBT GOOD THING. EVERYTIME  
THERE IS  
TROUBLE IN BRAZZAVILLE, GABONESE TEND TO GET NERVOUS NOT ONLY  
BECAUSE OF CONCERN FOR POTENTIAL TROUBLE ON THEIR SOUTHERN BORDER,BUT  
EQUALLY FOR FEAR THEIR CONGOLESE FRIENDS WILL LINK THEM WITH WHATEVER  
THE PROBLEM IS. OBENGA'S TIMELY ARRIVAL HERE PROBABLY DID  
CONSIDERABLE TO CALM NASCENT GABONESE NERVOUSNESS, WITH RESULT  
THAT UNLIKE LAST TIME, THERE HAS BEEN NO HEIGHTENED SECURITY  
IN LIBREVILLE. TIENKEN

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